

OUTGOING TELEGRAM

INDICATE: ☐ COLLECT
☐ CHARGE TO

Department of State

SECRET

Classification

LIMIT DISTRIBUTION

2532

SENT TO: Amembassy PARIS PRIORITY

1959 JAN 17 PM 2 33

07490

JURIST MUST BE
RM/R CENTRAL
FILED

For DCI

Origin

Info:

Dist.
Desired
(If None
Only)

RM/R	
Anal.	
Rev.	
Cat.	

Deptel 2478, Embtel 2598

Essential point is that while we are trying to get firm political decision in principle now, using language of para D, French formulation seems to defer decision until some indefinite date in the future. British and possibly French appear prefer garrison airlift as "non-provocative" means maintaining Berlin access. It is US view that airlift is not suitable response to stoppage surface traffic. Talk about airlift may have bad psychological effect tending to lead Soviets to take tougher position on ground access.

If Soviets did not interfere with garrison airlift at first, issue would become increasingly clouded. If they later managed to stop airlift West would be at psychological disadvantage. Berlin stockpiles coviate necessity for immediate airlift. Therefore, airlift no solution in principle, and amounts to abandonment of ground access.

US seeks

762.0221/1-1659

SECRET FILE

Drafted by:
EUR:GER:GPA:JHMcFarland,jr:dg

Telegraphic transmission and
classification approved by: EUR - Foy D. Kohler

Clearances:
G - Mr. Murphy
GER - Mr. Hillenbrand
WE - Mr. Brown

Correction made
by RM/R
2 2/10/61

SECRET
Classification

UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"
REPRODUCTION FROM THIS
COPY IS PROHIBITED.

901040-36

762.0221/1-1659
LWS

OUTGOING

TELEGRAM 253~

Page 2 of telegram to PARIS, CORRECTED PAGE 2.

CONTROL 7490

CORRECTION ISSUED:

1/19/59, 6 p.m., SA.

SECRET

59 LIMIT DISTRIBUTION

10

EUR

RMR

SS
W
G
SP
C
INR
H

US seeks agreement on principle that we are willing use force to defend whatever means of access is threatened; i.e., force would be used on ground if ground access challenged and in air if air access threatened. Until fundamental agreement in principle attained discussion should not be allowed bog down in confusion of detailed planning.

Embassy should also explain foregoing to Boegner. Might also ask Boegner what is meant by point covered last sentence EMBTEL 2607.

DULLES

SLS/9

SECRET

762.0221/1-1659

762.0221/1-1659

46-38